Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Derek Miles, after having competed on the men's track and field team and earning five NCAA Division II All American certificates, graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1996; and,

Whereas, Since graduation, Derek has competed as a professional pole-vaulter, attaining the number one ranking in the United States on five occasions and has been ranked in the top five in the world, jumping a personal best of 19' 2 ½"; and,

Whereas, Derek has been national champion on three occasions, represented the United States in six World Championships of Track and Field as well as in three Olympic games (Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, and London 2012); and,

Whereas, Derek serves as an assistant coach for the University of South Dakota's Track and Field team and has contributed to the development of a program with national prominence in jumps and field events; and,

Whereas, During the 88th running of the Howard Wood Dakota Relays on Friday, May 3, 2013, Derek will be recognized for his accomplishments as a track athlete and coach:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2013, as

DEREK MILES DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State